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1 April 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 1 April 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Saccio, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,
Mr. Irwin, Mr. McCone, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Gerard Smith,
Mr. Bromley Smith

1. Publicity Regarding Radioactive Fallout

Mr. Harr raised a question about the numerous public statements and newspaper releases recently on the subject of the fall-out of strontium-90. He suggested that the OCB Working Group on Nuclear Energy might be authorized to clear in advance statements on this subject by government officials.

Mr. McCone pointed out that the Chairman of the AEC has the authority to issue statements of this kind with no requirement for clearance with anyone else, and a number of other officials have the same prerogative. It was generally agreed that the Working Group could consider certain statements in this general field but that it was not practical to require all statements to be so cleared. It was also noted that instructions were recently sent to appropriate overseas missions to guide them in their handling of news of this sort.

2. Defense Paper on use of Foreign Military Personnel

Mr. Irwin showed the Group a paper prepared by Col. Lansdale, of the Office of Special Operations, Department of Defense. Col. Lansdale proposed in this paper that in some instances foreign military personnel might be given training that would allow them to assist in certain situations of a basically civilian nature, e.g., critical road building, flood control, etc. The consensus was that there was considerable merit to this idea.

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3. Moroccan Bases

Mr. Gray then spoke about U.S. retention of base rights in Morocco. He said that this might be a case where military assistance could and should be used partly for its political effect, although as a normal thing this would not be particularly wise.

4. Iraq

Mr. Gray also discussed the critical situation in Iraq, with particular reference to actions the U.S. might take. Mr. Harr suggested the possibility of referring this problem to the OCB Working Group. Mr. Dulles, supported by others, felt that it was best to leave this particular situation in the hands of the current ad-hoc committees and not refer it routinely to the OCB Working Group.


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